

REMARKS

In the drawings, Applicant has canceled Figure 6 because Figure 6 is directed toward the elected species of co-pending patent application Serial Number 10/214,273, of which this patent application is a divisional. Replacement figures 1-5 and 7-11 are attached herewith. Applicant has amended the specification to reflect the cancellation of Figure 6 by deleting the paragraph under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" beginning at page 3, line 24 through page 3, line 25.

The Specification has been amended to add a heading titled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" to identify that the present patent application is a divisional application of co-pending patent application Serial Number 10/214,273, from which the present divisional patent application claims priority.

Applicant has also amended the specification Detailed Description to amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 14 and ending on page 6 at line 21 and has deleted the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 22 and ending at page 7, line 20 to delete the subject matter which is directed toward the election of co-pending patent application (Serial Number 10/214,273).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to add the limitations of original claim 3 and has amended claim 10 to add the limitations from original claim 11 which is directed toward the test equipment of the present application. Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled since the limitations of these claims are included in independent claims 1 and 10, respectively. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Independent claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the method for use with the test fixture of the present application senses a position of a one of the tape cartridge leader and the takeup leader.

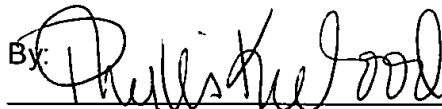
Applicant hereby requests that the amendment be entered as set forth herein. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-15 are currently pending in the application. Applicant believes that these claims are allowable and respectfully requests a notice of allowance for Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-15. The undersigned attorney requests

Examiner Nguyen to telephone if a conversation could expedite prosecution.
Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additionally required fees to
deposit account #50-1848.

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